Appendix A: The Claims

In response to the Office Action dated May 12, 1999 ("First Office Action"), Applicants' representative canceled claims 1 and 2; amended 3-13; and added new claims 24-42. Accordingly claims 3-14 and 24-42 are currently pending.

Independent Claims 24 and 25

Claim 24 reads:

A coated nanocrystal capable of light emission, comprising:

a core comprising a first semiconductor material, said core being a member of a monodisperse particle population; and

an overcoating uniformly deposited on the core comprising a second semiconductor material,

wherein the first semiconductor material and the second semiconductor material are the same or different, and wherein the monodisperse particle population is characterized in that when irradiated the population emits light in a spectral range of no greater than about 60 nm full width at half max (FWHM).

Claim 25 reads:

A coated nanocrystal capable of light emission, comprising:

a core comprising a first semiconductor material, said core being a member of a monodisperse particle population; and

an overcoating uniformly deposited on the core comprising a second semiconductor material,

wherein the first semiconductor material and the second semiconductor material are the same or different, and wherein the monodisperse particle population is characterized in that it exhibits no more than about a 10% rms deviation in the diameter of the core.

Dependent Features:

Certain dependent claims are limited to the FWHM of the core's monodisperse particle population to 40 nm and 30 nm. See claims 3 and 4. Other claims are limited to the rms deviation in the diameter of the monodisperse particle population core to no more than about 5% rms. See claims 7 and 32. Claims 5 and 6 recite a specific increase in the photoluminescence quantum yields of the coated nanocrystals.